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Alarming rise in Coronavirus cases

4 Task Force Teams Formed

- **MLAs to lead teams at Chamaraja, Krishnaraja and Chamundeshwari while MP to head Narasimharaja Constituency**
- **Pratap Simha inspects Columbia Asia, Narayana and St. Joseph's Hospitals**

Mysuru, July 20 (RKB&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar yesterday said that a COVID-19 Task Force will be set up for each of the four Assembly segments of the city, namely Chamaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamundeshwari.

He was speaking to press persons after holding a review meeting on COVID-19 measures at the ZP Office here on Sunday.

Pointing out that the Task Force will be headed by the MLA of the respective Assembly segment, Somashekar said that, however, in case of Narasimharaja Constituency, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha will head the Task Force as the MLA is not keeping well.

The Chamaraja Task Force will be headed by L. Nagendra while Krishnaraja by S.A. Ramdas and Chamundeshwari by G.T. Devegowda.

Stating that he has directed the officials to print pamphlets containing vital information such as whom should be contacted in case of cold and cough, which hospital to visit, which official to be contacted, who is the Nodal Officer, who is the Health Officer and the like, along with the Mobile Number of officers, he said these pamphlets should be distributed to every household in all Assembly segments.

Continuing, Somashekar said that a Medical Officer will be posted as In-charge of each of the Assembly segment.

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	110
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	1,624
Total ACTIVE cases	:	956
Persons discharged	:	598
Deaths	:	70

Exclusive hospital for frontline warriors to open tomorrow

DC inspects Vikram Jeshta Hospital readied to receive COVID warriors

Mysuru, July 20 (RK&BCT)- Doctors, nurses and healthcare workers are not the only ones fighting the battle against Coronavirus. Other key workers who often go unnoticed like the Police, security guards, utility workers and garbage collectors continue to fight the pandemic.

Frontline warriors too account for many COVID-19 infections in Mysuru. They are more prone to the virus owing to their duties in hospitals, containment zones, quarantine centres and labs.

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 20th July 2020

Shravana month online discourse series at Suttur Mutt

Mysuru, July 20 - Suttur Mutt will be organising online spiritual discourse series from July 21 to Aug. 19 every day during the Hindu month of Shravana.

The Mutt will be conducting prayers from 6.30 pm. Retired Professor Dr. K. Anantharamu will be delivering discourse on the topic 'Vachana Chintana' from 6.45 pm, followed by recital of Shanthi mantra and Mahamangalarathi at 7.15 pm. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the programme will be telecast online for devotees and public at https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline, https://www.facebook.com/JSS-MVP and www.jssonline.org, according to a press release.

Javagal Srinath seeks blessings

Former Indian cricketer Javagal Srinath seeking blessings from Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji during his visit to Suttur Mutt in Mysuru yesterday (July 19). Prof. Mohanram and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day speech last year, gave a clarion call to the Central and State Governments to implement policies to control the population growth rate. He also urged couples to have smaller families and praised those who had embraced smaller family norms stating that having fewer children is "an act of patriotism." India was the first developing country to introduce a national family planning programme in 1951 to control the population growth rate. However, the Union government's ruthless decision to forcibly sterilise nearly 80 lakh people during Emergency came under fire and so subsequent governments turned a blind eye to family planning and population control.

The National Population Policy-2000 aims at stabilising the population by 2045. The way forward is to nudge people to have small families. The primary objective should focus on educating women and encouraging them to adopt family planning, which is central to their empowerment and sustainable development. The population time bomb is ticking and policy-makers have to take urgent measures before it is too late.

— Vasant G. Hegde in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman marries son-in-law after daughter kicks him out

St. Petersburg: A 75-year-old woman, her 52-year-old ex-son-in-law and her 56-year-old daughter has sparked controversy in Russia after their story went viral this month.

75-year-old Galina Zhukovskaya from St. Petersburg in Russia, married Vyacheslav Zhukovsky, a man 23 years her junior back in 2010, but it wasn't the age difference between them that made their union controversial in the eyes of the world. The problem was that Vyacheslav had been Galina's son-in-law after being married to her daughter, Elena, for three years. The couple broke up shortly after his realese from prison, allegedly due to Elena's infidelity. Vyacheslav, found refuge with his mother-in-law, and the two tied the knot in 2010.

Galina claims that her daughter cheated on her husband shortly after his release and eventually kicked him out of the house. With no place to go, Vyacheslav was condemned to homelessness, but his mother-in-law took pity on him and took him into her home. She admits that she didn't do it out of love, she was just sorry for him, but as time passed, they drew closer.

Man fined £450 for 'provocative' fart in front of Police

Vienna: A man in Vienna has been fined nearly £500 for farting provocatively in front of police officers.

Austrian police were forced to defend the penalty after the Österreich newspaper revealed the man had been punished for 'offending public decency' on June 5.

Officers argued that the offender was uncooperative and behaving provocatively with officers leading up to the incident. They wrote on Twitter that the man had been sitting on a park bench before getting up, looking at them and letting go a 'massive intestinal wind apparently with full intent'. The man can appeal the €500 (£447) fine.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is my risk of getting heart disease?

According to the Framingham heart study, a 40-year-old man has a 50 percent life-time risk of getting heart disease. For women, the life-time risk is 33 percent.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

'Poorna Simha' awardee

The award ceremony for Lions District 317/A for the year 2019-20 was held recently at a private hotel in city. Global Service Team Co-ordinator Ln. Venkatesh Prasad MJF, who extended his service to Lions Club activities, was honoured with 'Poorna Simha' District Award by Lions District Governor Ln. Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy as others look on.

Inducted as Honorary Rotarians

Rotary Ivory City Mysuru has inducted three distinguished personalities of the city as Honorary Members of the Club for their contribution to the society in improving the lives of women and children. The Honorary Rotarians** (sitting from right) **Radiologist Dr. Sanmathi Nityananda, Past NIE Principal and present Director of e-Learning Foundation for Research in Health System Dr. G.L. Shekar and Book Clubs Founder Shubha Sanjay Urs are seen with Club office-bearers.

Really...?

- *In many countries around the world, Brussels sprouts reign as the least enjoyable vegetable out there. Some claim that their bitter flavour prevents true enjoyment and cooking them to remove the bitterness is more of an art than a skill. What you likely don't know is that Brussels sprouts are among the most nutritious veggies out there. It is packed with vitamins and minerals, has virtually no calories, no fat, no cholesterol, and it even fills you up. You can find a variety of recipes that help deal with the occasionally bitter flavour but you should definitely try to pack more of these puppies into your diet.*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Stop garbage dumping near MUDA Park in Vijayanagar

Sir,

I would like to appeal to the MCC officials to stop dumping of garbage near the entrance of MUDA Park in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, C-Block. It causes great inconvenience to the walkers and joggers as it emanates bad smell and poses health risks to the person approaching the Park.

Apart from this, packs of stray dogs and cows always gather at this point in search of waste food.

I don't think that it's merely an accident that the lane just in front of this dumping point has developed COVID case and became a Containment Zone.

It's worth mentioning that MUDA has started cleaning the outer periphery of the Park after a letter about the pathetic condition of the Park was published in *SOM* recently.

—Biresh Kumar
Vijayanagar
20.7.2020

Samvaad Institute celebrates 15th anniversary

Mysuru, July 20- Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bengaluru, celebrated its 15th anniversary last week.

Dr. N. Rathna, former Director of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, was the chief guest for the virtual celebration. The other guests were Dr. Shivshankar, former Head, Department of Speech Language Pathology, NIMHANS, Prof. Roopa Nagarajan, Course Chairperson, SRMC Chennai and Dr. Manoj Kumar, former Chief Commissioner for Disability, Government of India.

Dr. Rathna has been a teacher and mentor of Samvaad Institute Founder-Director Radhika Poovayya, an alumnus of AIISH. Samvaad Institute has not only established itself as a good academic institute with its students securing University ranks every year in both Bachelors and Master's courses, but it is also recognised as an Institute for best practices in the treatment of children and adults with speech and hearing disabilities.

Samvaad is renowned for its ABA treatment for children with Autism and free Speech Therapy for stroke patients. Testimonials from old students and video clipping of successful therapy were also shared during the webinar.

Radhika is the daughter of late Col. P. C. Ganapathy and Shanthi Ganapathy, resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Mysuru.

Music and Veena artiste feted

Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's birth anniversary was celebrated by Samarpana Educational and Endowment Trust in city recently. Well-known music and veena artiste Vidushi B.V. Vasanthalakshmi, who was felicitated on this occasion, is seen with G.P. Harish, singer and daughter of Vasanthalakshmi Anjana, Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, Treasurer and M.S. Balasubramanyam, Hon. Secretary.

Training Programme on Business Perspective of PPP held

Mysuru, July 20- Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, in association with Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysuru, had organised a two-day training programme on 'Business Perspectives of PPP (Public-Private Partnership)' recently.

The online training was attended by more than 70 participants including academicians, Government officials from various departments and professionals involved in PPP.

The sessions covering the concepts of PPP, legal aspects, case studies, project execution and risk management were delivered by V. Chethan, Faculty and Consultant - PPP Cell, ATI Mysuru; Renukaprasad, Joint Secretary (Retd.), Infrastructure Development Department (IDD); Dr. Prakash Kulkarni, President, Bhagirath Foundation and Nirajnan Naik, National Sales Head - Energy and Building Solutions, Bosch India Ltd.

The programme was organised as part of the MoU between SDM-IMD and ATI for academic, research and training activities in the area of PPP and other areas focused on social development.

Chethan from ATI and Dr. M.V. Sunil from SDM-IMD co-ordinated the online training programme.

Senior Kannada film actor Shanthamma passes away

Mysuru, July 20- Veteran Kannada film actor B. Shanthamma (95) died due to age-related issues at a private hospital in the city yesterday.

Shanthamma made her debut in Kannada movies with Dr. Rajkumar-starrer 'Ohileshwara' in 1956 and has more than 400 films to her credit. She was known mainly for playing supporting and character roles. Her last movie was 'Endendigu' in 2015.

Some of her popular films include 'Naandi, Nodi Swamy Naavirodu Heege', and 'Babruvahana'. When Siddharamaiah was the Chief Minister, he held Janata Darshans where he directly interacted with the citizens of the State. In one such meet, Shanthamma had appealed to the Congress leader for financial help. Siddharamaiah had directed his officials to provide the help needed then.

Shanthamma had shifted to her daughter's house in Mysuru recently. Her health deteriorated on Saturday night. "We visited several hospitals from 4 pm to 1 am but they denied admission. At last, she was admitted to a private hospital where she passed away a while later," said her daughter Suma.

Her throat swabs have been sent for COVID tests and the final rites will be performed only after the lab reports come, said family members.

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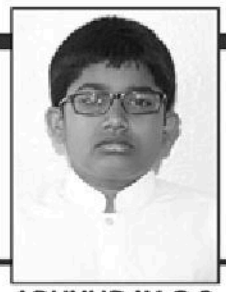

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School Management

NEWS BRIEFS

Officers to monitor bed availability

Amid complaints of difficulty in getting beds for COVID-19 patients, seven IAS and IPS officers were vested with the responsibility of monitoring bed availability or any other grievances that patients may face in availing treatment at 31 Private Hospitals in Bengaluru. The Government issued an order in this regard on Sunday.

Webinar on 'Teaching and Learning

The English Department of Seshadripuram College, in association with MES Arts, Commerce and Science College had organised a webinar on 'Teaching and Learning' recently. About 2,500 persons had registered for the webinar worldwide. Retired Professor S.R. Ramesh was the resource person. HoD of English Prof. Rekha Rai, Principal Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa were present.

Webinar on 'Video Analytics' held

The IEEE Student Branch and IEEE WIE Affinity Group of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), in association with IEEE Bengaluru Section and IEEE Circuits and Systems (CAS) Society, Bangalore Chapter, had organised a webinar on 'Deep Learning-Bases Video Analytics for Surveillance IOT Applications' by Dr. Supavadee Aramvith, Associate Professor at Department of Electrical Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand recently. Topics about the major challenges faced to arrive at the solutions and other topics were discussed. GSSSIETW Principal Dr. M. Shivakumar, Dr. S. Jalaja, IEEE CAS Bangalore Chapter and others were present.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	107.00 ft
Yesterday	106.05 ft
Inflow	14,620 cusecs
Outflow	4,655 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,275.44 ft
Inflow	7,046 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,854.48 ft
Inflow	2,224 cusecs
Outflow	712 cusecs

Comprehensive COVID Care at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital

Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital President Iqbal Ahmed seen with Dr. M.R. Aiyappa (right), General Physician & Diabetologist and Dr. Ravindranath, Orthopaedician. Comprehensive COVID Care will be available at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital from tomorrow.

Mysuru, July 20- Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital (BAMH) on Old Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, Mysuru, in collaboration with Brindavan Hospital, will provide Comprehensive COVID Care at its premises from tomorrow (July 21).

In view of increasing number of COVID-19 cases, there is a dire need for an exclusive COVID Care Hospital catering to all types of patients. This centre will treat respiratory cases and patients with other conditions such as Delivery, Surgery and Hemodialysis.

A team of specialist doctors, technician and paramedical staff will run the Hospital with utmost precautions to help the District Administration in its efforts to control the pandemic.

As per Government rules, 50 percent of beds will be reserved for beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharath Arogya Karnataka Health Scheme.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2497131 or 2497132 or 4246765, according to a press release from Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital President Iqbal Ahmed.

Mysuru district reports 110 fresh COVID cases, 11 deaths on Sunday

Mandya sees 7 positive cases, Kodagu 13 while Chamarajanagar reports 25 fresh Corona positive cases yesterday

Mysuru, July 20 (KS)- Eleven COVID deaths and 110 fresh COVID cases have been reported in Mysuru district, according to the media bulletin last evening.

The district's total positive cases has now risen to 1,624 with a total of 598 patients being discharged so far including 23 patients yesterday bringing the total number of active cases to 956. A total of 70 deaths have been reported in the district so far.

The following are the COVID statistics according to the State media bulletin yesterday evening.

Mandya: Mandya district has reported seven fresh COVID cases yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases to 869. A total of 609 patients have been discharged so far including 30 patients yesterday with 253 active cases remaining. Two COVID deaths were reported bringing the total COVID deaths to seven.

Kodagu: Kodagu saw 13 fresh COVID cases yesterday bringing the total positive cases to 272. As many as 173 patients have been discharged so far including 59 patients yesterday and there are 94 active cases remaining. Though there were no deaths reported yesterday, the district has reported a total of five COVID deaths so far.

Chamarajanagar: A total of 281 COVID positive cases have been reported so far in the district with 25 people testing positive yesterday. 174 patients have been discharged so far including 39 patients yesterday bringing the total active cases to 104. A total of three COVID related deaths has been reported so far.

AIBEA to release list of 2,426 wilful defaulters who owe Rs.1,47,350 crore

Mysuru, July 20 (PM&KS)- The All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA), as part of 51st anniversary of Bank Nationalisation and to strengthen the banks to achieve *Atma Nirbar* will be shortly releasing the list of 2,426 borrower accounts, who are wilful defaulters and together owe Rs.1,47,350 crore to various banks.

According to the press release from AIBEA, the Association will also be pressing for the fulfilment of their various demands while celebrating the Bank Nationalisation Day.

Their demands include strengthening of public sector banks, adequate capital be provided to all banks, to stops attempts of privatisation, stringent measures be taken to recover corporate bad loans, to make wilful default of bank loan a criminal offence, names of all loan defaulters be published, to ensure bank defaulters from holding public office and contest elections, reduction of service charges to common people to access banking service etc.

The AIBEA will shortly undertake a nationwide campaign pressing for these demands.

Medical Shops warned against illegal sale of Rapid Antigen Test Kits

Mysuru, July 20 (RK&DM)- As the demand for Rapid Antibody Test Kits are increasing with the spurt in COVID-19 cases, the Deputy Controller of Drugs in Mysuru has warned Medical Shops against illegal sale of Test Kits.

In a press release, Sridhar, Deputy Controller of Drugs at the Mysuru Regional Office, said that it has come to the notice of his office that in the wake of COVID-19 spread, several members of the public have been using Rapid Antigen Test Kits for self medical examination.

Pointing out that it is illegal for Medical Shops to sell the Kits to the public, he said that a circular has been issued to all wholesale and retail Medical Shops against such illegal sales.

The Deputy Controller also warned of legal action against those Medical Shops clandestinely selling the kits in violation of the norms.

Noting that the District Administration has set up a number of throat swab collection centres across the city and district, Sridhar advised the public to have prescribed medical tests only at Government authorised centres and to refrain from doing self-medical examination.

Private Schools urge Govt. not to object to collection of fees for online classes

Mysuru, July 20 (SBD&BCT)- The CBSE, ICSE & State Board Private School Managements Association (CISPMAM), Mysuru, has appealed to the State Government to let them collect fees for online classes from parents to pay staff salaries and ensure smooth functioning of Schools.

Meeting Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar yesterday, Association President Sudhakar S. Shetty has stated that all Schools had to shut down by March 21 owing to the sudden lockdown due to the spread of COVID-19. "We request the parents and Government to understand that lakhs of teachers, other staff members and administrative personnel will be drastically affected without their salaries," he said.

Most Schools had immediately started online classes and had ensured that students were effectively engaged. "We are following the directives of the CBSE and Ministry of Human Resource Development to ensure that learning continues and are taking efforts in facilitating live classrooms and other such activities," he said.

There are over 240 CBSE, ICSE and State Board Private Schools in Mysuru where over 40,000 people are working. "The Education Minister has warned Schools not to collect fees from students and Schools are liable for action. Taking unfair advantage of the Minister's words, about 40 percent of the students are defaulting in payment of tuition fee resulting in grave financial crisis to the institution which is struggling to pay the salaries of the staff and the teachers," Shetty claimed.

He added that even Government officers, bank employees and those working from home who are being paid salaries are refusing to pay the fees. State Government must allow Schools to collect fees for online classes like the Governments of Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Rajasthan.

"The unaided Schools are dependent only on fees to pay salaries and monthly expenses like electricity, water, health, transport, security, housekeeping, sanitation, Wi-Fi network etc. The State Government must formulate a policy in the interest of Schools," he said.

"While we understand that it is a tough time for everyone, we want institutions to be allowed to collect fees from parents who are able to and willing to do so. We do not wish to compromise on the salaries of our teaching and non-teaching staff," Shetty told the Minister.

He urged Somashekar to waive off electricity bill of educational institutions, interest from banks, insurance and road tax for vehicles for six months.

MP Pratap Simha too appealed the Minister to come to the rescue of Schools that are in dire straits due to pandemic.

Responding to the appeals, Minister Somashekar assured them that he will take up the issue with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

BJP leader H.V. Rajeev, Association Vice-President Venkatesh, Ravindraswamy, Associate Secretary Manjunath and others were present.

Kodagu origin doctors asked to work for their homeland

Annies Kanmani

Madikeri, July 20 (UNI)- Unlike other bigger districts in the State, Kodagu has limited private healthcare resources and this has been one of the reasons for its dependence on cities like Mysuru and Mangaluru for healthcare needs.

However, under the regulated situation triggered by COVID-19, patients of one district are not being treated/permitted in another easily, and this has put a further strain on the medical staff and infrastructure in the district.

This has necessitated roping in more doctors. The fact that three doctors had to be rushed to Madikeri COVID-19 Hospital from Mysore Medical College and Research Institute to handle the situation resulting from the spurt in infections highlights the situation in the hilly district.

Exhausting the possible options amidst the crisis, the Kodagu District Administration sought to play the **"Work for Kodagu"** card, with a fervent appeal to doctors belonging to Kodagu and working elsewhere to return to their homeland and join hands with the Government in the unending fight.

"I think it's the best opportunity for them — doctors of Kodagu origin — to work for the land. Kodagu needs doctors and you can fill the emptiness," said Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy.

The recruitment process has been eased to such an extent that any medical graduate and postgraduate can walk into the medical college or the DHO office in Madikeri with relevant educational documents.

"If selected, the appointment order is issued the very next day and he or she can start working," she said, while sharing Kodagu's COVID-19 combat when she came live on Facebook. However, there are not many takers for doctors' posts as only two have responded.

"The appointees can either work in the medical college hospital or in PHCs," she said, recalling the help received from the people hailing from the district when Kodagu was battered by two back-to-back floods and landslides. The DC said that Kodagu might be a small district but COVID-19 preparedness was on par with any other bigger district.

Water release to Canals from Cauvery and Kabini Reservoirs from July 28

Irrigation Consultative Committees meeting held at KRS

Mandya, July 20 - With farmers eagerly awaiting flow of water in canals for cultivation of Kharif crops, Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is also Mysuru District In-charge Minister, said that water will be released in canals from Cauvery and Kabini Reservoirs for irrigation purpose from July 28.

He was speaking at a meeting of Irrigation Consultative Committees (ICC) of both the Reservoirs at Cauvery Auditorium in Brindavan Gardens at KRS in Srirangapatna taluk here on Saturday, which was also attended by Mandya District In-Charge Minister K.C. Narayanagowda.

Pointing out that the meeting follows his announcement at an Agriculture Department meeting in Mysuru about 10 days ago in which he had promised to hold the ICC meeting on releasing water, Somashekar said that the people's representatives of both the Districts have agreed to release water into canals from both the Reservoirs for irrigation purpose.

Stating that he has directed Agriculture Department officials of both the Districts to ensure sufficient stocks of sowing seeds, fertilizers and other agricultural inputs, he said that he has also asked the Irrigation Department authorities to complete canal repair works before July 28.

The Minister further said that officials have been instructed to hold ICC meeting in respect of Harangi Reservoir to discuss release of water from July 28.

Referring to wage dues to Watermen, Somashekar assured that measures will be taken for releasing 6-month wage dues. Also, 1,492 more Watermen will be appointed across the State in the coming days, he added.

Earlier Ministers S.T. Somashekar and K.C.Narayanagowda offered prayers to Goddess Cauvery Statue at KRS Dam.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs L. Nagendra, C.S. Puttaraju, Dr.Annadani, M.Srinivas, Ravindra Srikantaiah, Suresh Gowda, G.T. Devegowda, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, Ashwin Kumar, N.Mahesh and B. Harshavardhan, MLCs Dharmasena, K.T. Srikantegowda and Appajigowda, Mysuru DC Abhiram G.Sankar, Mandya DC Dr. M.V. Venkatesh, Mysuru ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, Mandya ZP CEO K. Yalakkigowda, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) Engineers Vijayakumar, Shankaregowda, M.B. Raju and other officials were present.

High School classes on DD Chandana begins

Mysuru, July 20 (SPN&BCT)- The State Government has requested the Centre for Doordarshan (DD) channels for school education in these times of COVID and beyond. Now, classes have begun for High School students in Doordarshan Chandana from 9 am from today (July 20).

Classes will be conducted for eighth, ninth and tenth standards till Aug. 14 and each class in this 'Sethubandha' session will be held for 30 minutes. Classes will be conducted in each subject from 9 am to 5.30 pm and all the Head Masters of Schools have been directed to send the time table to the students through WhatsApp.

After the classes are complete, a mini-exam will be conducted after Aug. 14. Those who cannot view the programme in Chandana, arrangements will be made to educate them through 'Makkalavaani', 'Jnanadeepa' and 'Deeksha' portals.

The pandemic has hit the education sector hard. "The Education Department is faced with multiple challenges in framing syllabus, holding classes, physical education among others. We have no options but to adapt with this unprecedented situation," officials said.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

MP inspects Hospitals in N.R. Constituency

Mysuru, July 20 (RK&DM)- A day after he was appointed as the Head of N.R. Assembly Constituency COVID-19 Control Task Force, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, along with District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. R. Venkatesh, visited St. Joseph's Hospital in Bannimantap, Columbia Asia Hospital on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway and Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital at Devanur on Ring Road, all located in N.R.Assembly limits this morning, to review the Hospitals' readiness to allot beds for COVID-19 Care, with the Government asking Private Hospitals to part with 50 percent of their bed capacity for treatment of infected patients.

During the visit, the MP appealed the Hospitals' Managements to reserve beds for treatment of COVID-19 patients as directed by the Government and also to actively involve themselves in COVID-19 Care as the country is facing a medical emergency.

At St.Joseph's Hospital, the MP also inspected the 15-bed Fever Clinic and ICU facilities. The Hospital authorities promised to adhere to Government directions in respect of reservation of beds for COVID-19 care.

Fr. Leslie Moraes, Fr. Emmanuel, Fr. Sanjay, BJP leader Dr. Anil Thomas and other Hospital authorities were present.

Likewise, the authorities of Columbia Asia and Narayana Hospitals too are said to have agreed to comply with the Government Order.

Speaking to presspersons, Pratap Simha said that almost all Private Hospitals in the city have voluntarily come forward for COVID Care and said that City Hospitals have agreed to reserve as many number of beds as possible.

Maintaining that no Hospital has rejected the Government directive, the MP said that it is glad to note that Private Hospitals have extended their co-operation in the battle against the deadly pandemic.

Referring to rapid spread of the virus in N.R. Assembly segment, Simha said that extensive Rapid Antigen Testing is being conducted in hotspot areas of the Constituency. Noting that 30 out of the 150 samples collected so far have turned out to be positive in Lab tests, he said that this high percentage (20 percent) of infection is of grave concern and the people should voluntarily come out for undergoing tests in the interests of their own health and safety.

He also said that he will soon meet all Community leaders and Religious Heads to seek their support in this decisive battle against the pandemic.

Replying to a query on former Chamaraja Congress MLA Vasu's objection to his (Simha) appointment as the Head of NR Constituency COVID-19 Task Force, the MP said that he does not want to comment on such irrelevant comments. He further said that the former MLA's comment was unwarranted at a time when the entire country is fighting the pandemic. "Everyone knows that N.R. MLA is unwell and had not attended any COVID-19 or other official meetings over the past couple of months," he added.

Four Task Force teams formed

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Noting that a separate team headed by MP Pratap Simha and consisting of officials will be in-charge of N.R. Assembly segment, which has most number of positive cases, he said that an Assistant Commissioner will be put in charge to ensure that no lapses occur in shifting of positive patients to Hospitals. The Deputy Commissioner will oversee the functioning of officials, he added.

No delay in handing over bodies

Referring to complaints regarding the delay in handing over of bodies, the Minister said that the DC has informed that this is due to shortage of D-Group employees. Maintaining that the issue has been discussed with the Chief Minister, Somashekar said he has instructed the officials not to wait for Lab reports and take measures to hand over the bodies to families immediately. The officials must also ensure that there is no delay in issuance of death certificates, he added.

K.R. Hospital should respond immediately

Stating that the Chief Minister has received many complaints of negligence and lethargy regarding K.R. Hospital staff, Somashekar said that officials must take necessary action and ensure that there are no more complaints either to the Chief Minister or the State Chief Secretary.

When a Hospital Doctor brought to the notice of the Minister that the Hospital lacked ventilators and was short of Nurses, Somashekar instructed the authorities to convince the Nurses who have left service, to return or to appoint New Nurses by paying them more.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G.Sankar said that the district administration has launched many initiatives for containing the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. Maintaining that measures have been taken for proper Ambulance service in all the Assembly segments, he said that the vehicle service will be segment-specific in nature in the coming days.

Noting that 18 out of the 32 COVID-19 suspects in N.R. Mohalla tested positive for the virus, the DC said that such tests will be conducted in other parts of the city as well.

Rapid Antigen Tests will be conducted only during emergencies as such tests are sometimes found lacking in clarity, he added.

MP Pratap Simha opined that COVID-19 deaths may also be due to co-morbidities.

Pointing out that deaths will also occur due to various other ailments, he said that everyone, including the media should take note of this fact. The MP sought the DC to create COVID-19 awareness through autorickshaw announcements along with distribution of pamphlets.

Reacting to this, Somashekar said that apart from augmenting Ambulance service, it is important to reserve exclusive rooms for Drivers and other Ambulance staff. Also arrangements must be made for the Ambulance personnel to take bath and change PPE Kit after shifting of every patient, he added.

Replying to a query, the Minister said that he has ordered the officials to seal down only the house or the street from where a positive case is reported.

MLA L. Nagendra, Mayor Tasneem, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and officials from MCC, MUDA, Health and other Departments were present.

The Minister later inspected the Tree Park and the foot of Chamundi Hill, where planting of one lakh tree sapling programme is scheduled to be launched on July 28.

Exclusive Hospital for frontline warriors

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As such, there was a desperate need to have an exclusive hospital for them.

It is with this intention that the District Administration had taken over the Vikram Jeshta Hospital on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri. The defunct Hospital has been thoroughly cleaned and advanced equipment has been provided including ventilators.

While the facilities and equipment has been provided by the District Administration, the initiative of running the Hospital has been taken by MAHAN (Mysuru Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics and Diagnostic Centres). The 90-bed hospital for the frontline warriors will officially function from tomorrow.

Many medium, mid-sized and small hospitals in city are involved in the MAHAN initiative and have formed MAHAN COVID Care Consortium. The Consortium will run the Vikram Jeshta Hospital as a high-end COVID Care Centre to manage the infections among frontline warriors.

This morning, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar visited the Vikram Jeshta Hospital and saw the arrangements and facilities set up at the facility. He discussed the treatment facilities, number of doctors, healthcare workers and other allied staff co-opted from other hospitals in city.

Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem and other office-bearers of MAHAN briefed the DC and other officials. The third and fourth floor of the Hospital has been converted to handle COVID patients. The salaries and other emoluments for the doctors and healthcare workers performing duties at the Hospital will be paid by MAHAN. The DC was also told that apart from frontline warriors, other regular patients too can be admitted here if they are referred by District Administration.

Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, District Health Officer Dr. R. Venkatesh, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Health and Family Welfare Nodal Officer Dr. Sheela and others were present.

Protests continue in city

ASHA workers' stir reaches eleventh day

Mysuru, July 20 (PM&SD) - The indefinite Statewide stir launched by ASHA workers seeking fulfilment of their various demands reached eleventh day today.

Pointing out that even after eleven days of their protests and agitation, their demands have not met, P.S. Sandhya, a member of the ASHA Workers' Federation (AIUTUC) said, "Over 47 eminent personalities of the State including writers Dr. Baraguru Ramachandrappa, Devanuru Mahadeva, Vaidehi, social activist P. Mallesh, veteran theatre artiste Prof. Rameshwari Varma and others have rendered support to our ongoing agitation. Despite several pleas, representations and memorandums to the State Government, the district administrations and people representatives over the past six months, the authorities have failed to fulfil our demands."

AIUTUC State Secretary D. Nagalakshmi and State President K. Somashekhar Yadagiri released a press note this morning, which listed out various issues faced by agitating ASHA workers. Protesting ASHA workers warned that they would not return to work unless their demands are met.

Trainee staff nurses continue their protest

Trainee staff nurses have continued their indefinite protest by wearing black arm bands and continuing their work.

All these staff nurses are serving at K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals and are seeking fulfilment of their various demands. The trainee staff nurses are on protest in since July 9. They alleged that they are paid a meagre amount of Rs. 10,000 per month and said they have launched the indefinite protest by wearing black bands to draw the attention of the Government.

City engineer falls prey to fake gold racket, loses Rs. 30 lakh

Mysuru, July 20 (RK&BCT)- While COVID-19 has put brakes on many occupations and businesses, it has not stopped the business of cheating. An engineer, residing in city was duped to the tune of Rs. 30 lakh after being promised gold ornaments and coins worth crores of rupees at a cheaper price.

The conmen, posing as construction workers, claimed that they got the gold while working near a temple in Tamil Nadu and that they had to sell it off at a lesser price, as they were in dire need of money. A case has been registered at Saraswathipuram Police Station in this regard.

The incident occurred at T.K. Layout a couple of days back and the accused told the victim that they were from Madhya Pradesh and gave out their names as Mohan, Arjun and Shantha. In the complaint, the victim M.G. Raghavendra, a resident of Kumbarakoppal, has stated that while Mohan and Arjun were aged between 30 and 35 years, Shantha was 50 years old.

Trap laid

On July 4, Raghavendra had gone to T.K. Layout to purchase items for his home and he stopped his car near Bisilu Maramma Temple to buy some fruits. It was here that Mohan

approached him seeking information about a bank. Mohan told Raghavendra that he was a construction worker from Madhya Pradesh and while working at a site he had got some gold coins.

He claimed that due to lockdown, he could not sell the coins. Falling into the trap, Raghavendra asked Mohan to show the coins and readily agreed to purchase them. He showed Raghavendra four gold coins which he claimed was 400 years old and said that he had 80 such coins in his possession and he was willing to sell them off.

Gold chain displayed

Raghavendra agreed to buy all the coins and Mohan asked him to come to the same place on July 11 at 11 am. Mohan too came to the spot and told Raghavendra that his (Mohan's) brother Arjun had the coins and was waiting near All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) campus. Accordingly, Raghavendra and Mohan reached AIISH campus.

There, Arjun took out a gold bead chain from his bag and showed the same to Raghavendra and told him that they had unearthed the chain from a construction site near Kanyakumari eight months back. To gain Raghavendra's trust, Mohan and Arjun handed over two beads from the chain and asked Raghavendra to get them checked.

Checking the gold

Accordingly, Raghavendra went to a goldsmith who certified that the beads were genuine gold. An elated Raghavendra called up Mohan and asked him to meet near Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle). Raghavendra took his friend Jayakumar to the place where Mohan and Arjun claimed that they had such gold-bead chains weighing three kilogram.

"The duo claimed that they were in desperate need for money and told us that they were ready to sell the gold for Rs. 50 lakh. We negotiated with them and told them that I was ready to pay Rs. 30 lakh as I did not have Rs. 50 lakh," Raghavendra stated in his compliant.

Deal finalised

After two days, Raghavendra called up Mohan to finalise the deal and took his car to pick up Mohan and Arjun from Doddakere Maidan and also picked up the third accused Shantha who claimed to be Mohan's sister in the front of Mysuru Zoo. They left to Hebbal and reached Lakshmikanthaswamy Temple on the Outer Ring Road.

Here too, the accused handed over three beads from the gold chain and Raghavendra's friend Jayakumar got them examined by a goldsmith. Jayakumar called up Raghavendra and told him that the goldsmith had certified that the beads were indeed made of gold. The accused asked Raghavendra to get the promised Rs. 30 lakh.

Cash handed over

Raghavendra, who had kept the cash with his friend Jayakumar, asked the latter to get the cash to the place where they were standing. They decide to get back to the city from Hebbal. While the accused boarded Raghavendra's car, Jayakumar followed them in his car to reach Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle.

After exchanging pleasantries near Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle, Mohan handed over the bag that contained the ornaments to Raghavendra. As promised, Raghavendra took the cash bag from Jayakumar and handed it over to Mohan.

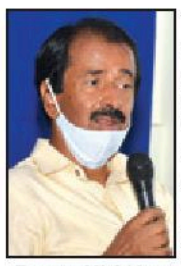
Fake ornaments

After verifying the cash, Mohan told Raghavendra that next Sunday, he would come to the same place to hand over the gold coins and requested Raghavendra to arrange some buyers. Striking a deal, Raghavendra and Jayakumar returned home and took the ornaments to a goldsmith. They were shocked when the goldsmith told them that the beads were fake. When Mohan was contacted, his phone was switched off.

Raghavendra then filed a complaint at the Saraswathipuram Police Station. Inspector Vijay Kumar said that they had registered a case and were tracing call details of the accused. Tower locations and possible CCTV visuals from T.K. Layout, Hebbal and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle are being scanned for clues, he added.

More COVID testing centres needed in District: Former MLA Vasu

Mysuru, July 20 (MTY&KS)- "There is a need to establish more COVID testing centres in the district following increase in the number of COVID cases day-by-day," said former Chamaraja MLA Vasu.



Former MLA Vasu

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel in city this morning, Vasu said that priority should be given to build confidence among the patients so that they could fight the virus bravely. Pointing out that K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital and PKTB Sanatorium had successfully treated epidemic diseases during the times of the Maharajas, Vasu said that though there are more numbers of hospitals now, we cannot depend on private hospitals alone.

Stating that many new districts were formed and district hospitals sanctioned, Vasu said that even Mysuru did not have a district hospital and it was he who fought for the district hospital to Mysuru which was sanctioned by the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. He further said that after the term of the Congress Government ended, he had written letters to successive Governments to equip the district hospital, which is now converted as the COVID Hospital.

"We call healthcare workers as Corona Warriors. But what is the use if we do not equip the hospital and provide facilities to them?" he questioned and added that the COVID Hospital requires Lab Technicians and equipment such as X Ray machine and MRI Scanning machine among others so that Corona Warriors are well equipped to tackle anything.

Pointing out that the District Administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar has been working efficiently to prevent the spread of the deadly virus, Vasu said that the people were co-operating to help fight the virus. He called upon everyone to follow the rules and regulations imposed by the district administration to be safe.

Former Corporator Prashanth Gowda and youth leader Ravi were present at the press meet.

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New team of BAI Mysore installed

'Build Green' theme logo and monthly magazine 'Mysore Shilpi' released

Mysuru, July 20-The installation function of the new team of office-bearers of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, for the year 2020-21, was held recently in its MBCT Auditorium here amidst all precautionary measures.

The programme was aired live and BAI members from various centres across the nation watched the event. The proceedings began with Shashwathi Rohan rendering invocation. Vice-Chairman (2019-20) Ajith Narayana welcomed. Hon.Secretary (2019-20) R.Raghunath gave a power point presentation on activities of the previous year.

Installing Officer, Immediate Past BAI National Vice President, K.Sriram, State Chairman U.M.Gurushantappa and Chairman of BAI Mysore Centre for the year 2020-21 M.Rathnaraj were introduced through Audio Visual presentation.

Later, Sriram formally installed Gurushantappa as State Chairman and N.Subramanya as State Secretary. In his acceptance address, Gurushanthappa emphasised on the importantance of Skill Development of local labours and working towards the betterment of the construction fraternity.

M.Rathnaraj was installed as the new Chairman of BAI Mysore for the year 2020-21 along with his team. Rathnaraj launched the logo of the theme for the Year 'Build Green' and appealed to the members to take a pledge to adapt the concept of going green in all their construction activities and lifestyle.

During this occasion, monthly magazine of BAI Mysore Centre, 'Mysore Shilpi' was released. The digital members directory was also launched and the audited accounts of the year 2019-20 was handed over to the new Hon. Treasurer A.S. Yoganarasimha by Hon. Treasurer (2019-20) Prabhakar Rao.

Hon.Secretary V. Nagaraj Bairy proposed a vote of thanks. Past Chairman N.Subramanya and Subhadra Prateekh compered.

The following are the team of office-bearers of BAI Mysore for the year 2020-21:

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Installation Ceremony of Rotary West Mysore

The Installation Ceremony of Rotary West Mysore was held on July 7. The Board of Directors for the Society Year 2020-21 of Rotary West Mysore are seen with Installing Officer, Rtn. PDG M. Lakshminarayana and Assistant Governor Rtn. B. Ramaradhya. Seen are *(sitting from left)* ***Rtn. PHF Ullas Pandit, Outgoing Secretary, Rtn. PHF Reginald Wesley, Outgoing President, Rtn. PDG M. Lakshminarayana, Rtn. PHF M.D. Raghavendra Prasad, President of Rotary West Mysore, Rtn. B. Ramaradhya and Rtn. PHF D.K. Dinesh Kumar, Secretary of Rotary West Mysore;*** *(standing from left)* ***Rtn. PHF Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Rtn. G.K. Sudheendra, Rtn. C. Kantharaj (Joint Secretary), Rtn. PHF Dr. L. Srikantappa (Vice-President), Rtn. Dr. B. Chandra (President-Elect), Rtn. PHF Gangadhar Gowda (Treasurer), Rtn. N. Sathish, Rtn. M.D. Alexander Vincent, Rtn. M.K. Seetharam, Rtn. Peush Kumar and Rtn. V. Kartik Kashyap. B.R. Aalaap, a student of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), rendered invocation. Rtn. C.D. Monnappa, Sergeant-at-arms of 2019-20 collared the Outgoing President. Rtn. PDG G.K. Balakrishnan and Immediate PDG Rtn. Prof. Joseph Matthew introduced Installing Officer and Incoming President respectively. The special issue of Rotary bulletin 'BRINDAVAN' was released on the occasion.***

How Mysuru's frontline COVID Hospital is combating pandemic

Mysuru, July 20 (BCT)- At the frontline of Mysuru's battle against the Coronavirus pandemic is the New District Hospital or what is now called the Designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road where over 250 beds are reserved for COVID patients.

This Hospital was first taken over by the Mysuru District Administration to treat patients who tested positive in the month of March when there was a spike in cases due to the infection spread from Nanjangud-based Jubilant Generics. The outbreak was treated as a cluster case and over 90 patients were being treated round-the-clock here.

After the initial spike and recovery of all the patients, again the Hospital was back in focus with many cases being reported on a day-to-day basis. Now this Hospital has reached its maximum level and other hospitals and COVID care facilities have been identified to handle the large infection rate.

At present, there are over 200 patients in the Hospital and over 50 beds have been reserved for emergencies. The Health Department has deputed a set of doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers to treat patients here who work in shifts.

A dedicated Oxygen Plant that is linked to all beds at the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road, Mysuru. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Vow to end pandemic

After spending certain fixed days at the Hospital, the doctors and staff are placed under 14-day quarantine where their throat swab samples are collected and tested. Only if they test negative they are allowed to go home, only to be back at work after a short break.

From the month of March, doctors, Health Department officers and hospital administration officials huddled and took it as a challenge to overcome the pandemic. It was the moment when the doctors pulled up their socks and took crucial decisions for initiating the treatment. Taking the spreading infections as a challenge, the doctors and healthcare staff worked tirelessly.

Wearing Personal Protective equipment for over 8 to 10 hours at a stretch, doctors and healthcare staff continue to take care of patients. Already, over 70 patients have lost their lives due to the pandemic and according to doctors they tried their best to save lives.

ICMR guidelines

As there is no vaccine available as of now, the patients are being treated as per the guidelines issued by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). "We were not sure what treatment we should give to the patients initially. We started looking through the literatures to find an answer. We decided that we should start anti-retroviral therapies. Later, this too was included in ICMR guidelines," a doctor treating the patient at the Hospital told *Star of Mysore*.

The team of doctors at the Hospital include resident doctors of medicine and anaesthesia, medical officers and faculty of medicine (professor, reader or lecturer) and post-graduate medical students and trainees for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. Medical interns too are posted for duty there.

Inside emergency ward

Inside the emergency ward, doctors wear the blue personal protective equipment with only their eyes visible behind glasses. Upon entry, each patient is personally monitored and details are entered in the patient log book. Their vitals are recorded and previous sheets are checked. "Wearing personal protective equipment makes us feel sticky. We have to speak louder and communication with patient becomes difficult sometimes," the doctor added.

According to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner **Abhiram G. Sankar,** of the patients who have tested positive, most of them are from city limits. "All the beds have oxygen supply pipelines and a dedicated oxygen plant has been set up behind the Hospital," he said while addressing a meeting with District Minister S.T. Somashekar, elected representatives and officials in city yesterday.

Patient diet

Along with the treatment, the patient diet too is taken care of. ISKCON Mysuru (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) has been authorised by the State Government to supply food to the patients. The hygienic food is brought in special containers mounted on customised vehicles and is supplied to the patients three times a day apart from the evening snacks and late-night snacks.

The diet plan is as per the chart issued by the State Government that has asked the district administrations to provide quality and nutritious food on time, as suggested by dieticians.

When a patient dies

When a patient dies at the Hospital, all tubes, drains and catheters on the dead body are removed and any puncture holes or wounds (resulting from removal of catheter, drains, tubes, or otherwise) is disinfected and the body is dressed with impermeable material. Later, the body is quietly wheeled into the back of the Hospital where it is wrapped in leak-proof plastic body bag.

A dead body often has fluids like saliva, phlegm and blood oozing out and those could be a source of virus. This is the reason why there are clear guidelines on how to handle dead bodies. Currently, funerals are largely the work of trained professionals who themselves are protected by PPE. Relatives are allowed to see the dead with adequate protection but touching, hugging, kissing is not allowed.

Waste disposal

All used and soiled linen is handled with standard precautions, put in biohazard bag and the outer surface of the bag disinfected with hypochlorite solution. The medical waste is handled and disposed of in accordance with biomedical waste management rules. The vehicles, after the transfer of the body to cremation along with burial staff are decontaminated.

Last rites

Religious rituals such as reading from religious scripts, sprinkling holy water and any other last rites that does not require touching of the body are allowed. A scientific approach is adopted to cremate or bury the body without delay.

A properly-guided burial and disinfecting the burial pit is ensured so that no virus is spread. As for cremation, the temperature is close to 1,000 degree C, which certainly kills the virus. There will be no autopsy of COVID-19 dead bodies. The ash does not pose any risk and as such they can be collected to perform the last rites.

Healthcare workers wearing protective gears prepare to shift a dead body into a waiting ambulance.

WORD OF THE DAY

Frisson

Pronunciation: free-SAWN.
Meaning: A brief moment of emotional excitement : shudder, thrill.
Origin: "I feel a shiver that's not from the cold as the band and the crowd go charging through the final notes.... That frisson, that exultant moment...." That's how writer Robert W. Stock characterized the culmination of a big piece at a concert in 1982. His use of the word shiver is apt given that frisson comes from the French word for "shiver." Frisson traces to Old French friçon, which in turn derives from frictio, Latin for "friction." What does friction—normally a heat generator—have to do with thrills and chills? Nothing, actually. The association came about because frictio (which derives from Latin fricare, meaning "to rub") was once mistakenly taken to be a derivative of frigēre, which means "to be cold."
Example: "There's that frisson of excitement when we get the text or the ring notifying us when dinner has arrived at our doorstep." — Tom Sietsema, The Washington Post

THE ODD WORD

Fagottist

Bassoon player.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fag end

Meaning: The remnant of something, especially the part left after the best part has been used.
Origin: For most of the 20th century in the UK cigarettes were known colloquially as fags and a fag-end was the name of the end part of the cigarette, after most of it had been smoked. It feels intuitively that the cigarette is the source of the more general term 'fag end' meaning 'the left-over part of something'.
That's what I was expecting to find when I started to research the expression. However, it turns out that, as well a 'cigarette', the word fag has several other meanings, which are:
The end of a roll or bale of cloth.
A parasitic insect that infects sheep.
The junior member of a group who performs menial tasks.
A homosexual man (a shortened form of 'faggot').
So, it could be that 'fag end' derives from one of those meanings. A little more delving showed that the 'fag end' was the name given to the last piece of cloth on a roll well before cigarettes were thought of. So, rather than fags (cigarettes) giving their name to 'fag ends' it was the other way about. Fag ends (of cloth) gave their name to any small remnant and so the end part of a cigarette took on the name fag end, which subsequently caused cigarettes to be called fags.

QUOTE BOX

A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke.

— Rudyard Kipling

RIDDLE THIS

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?

Answer: A bank.

SUDOKU

		6			4			3
	4							
		1	3		5	7	9	
		8	9					
	5		4		2		3	
					8	4		
	2	3	1		9	8		
							1	
7			2			9		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	5	8	3	9	2	4	7
2	4	8	6	1	7	5	3	9
7	9	3	4	5	2	6	1	8
4	7	6	2	8	5	3	9	1
8	5	2	1	9	3	4	7	6
9	3	1	7	6	4	8	5	2
5	2	4	9	7	8	1	6	3
6	8	9	3	4	1	7	2	5
3	1	7	5	2	6	9	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

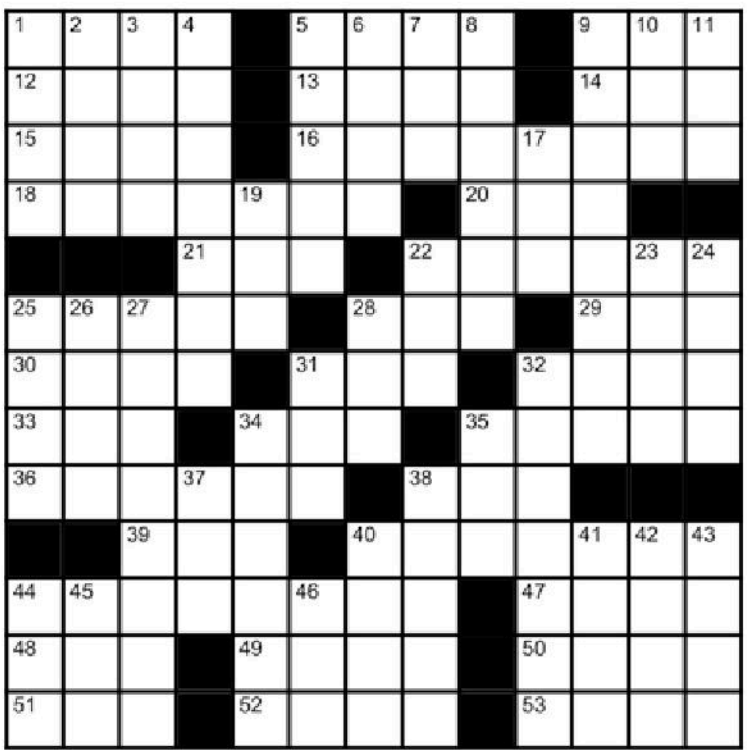
1 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
5 A poem about some notable action
9 Crackerjack?
12 ___ avis : the rare mythical bird?
13 Just a drop of discharge from the eye?
14 Thai river
15 202 in Roman numerals
16 Assassination, killing or murder
18 Encourage
20 Silent; not speaking
21 ___ sick : affected by nausea in an automobile?
22 Gain back
25 American Indian tribe
28 Western alliance since 1948
29 Aunt in Spanish
30 Egyptian Christian
31 Ram's mate
32 A body of persons separate form a larger body
33 Actual Navigation Performance
34 Bend in a pipe
35 Ivory teeth of elephants
36 Lao-tse's doctrine
38 And not?
39 ___ right : wrong?
40 _____ - house : lodging - house?
44 Plan of action
47 ___ fixe : an obsession ?
48 Brewer's fermenting vat
49 Small casks
50 Stitched
51 Up to now
52 Irish
53 Make less severe

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	E	S	S	■	S	E	T	■	S	Y	N	C
I	N	S	E	C	U	R	E	■	H	E	I	R
B	A	C	T	R	I	A	N	■	E	T	N	A
■	■	■	T	U	T	■	E	O	N	I	A	N
E	S	S	E	X	■	A	M	P	S	■	■	■
M	O	U	E	■	M	E	E	T	I	N	G	■
T	O	E	■	S	I	G	N	S	■	E	O	S
■	T	R	A	N	S	I	T	■	M	A	Y	O
■	■	■	N	I	T	S	■	A	U	R	A	L
E	U	R	O	P	A	■	O	L	E	■	■	■
L	V	I	I	■	K	I	N	G	S	T	O	N
K	E	E	N	■	E	S	C	A	L	O	P	E
S	A	L	T	■	N	A	E	■	I	D	E	S

DOWN

1 Building structure
2 Kind of spice
3 Opera part
4 Barbering
5 Anaesthetic
6 Office boy
7 __ ___ The Walrus: The Beatles hit (1,2)
8 Robberies, thefts, murders, etc.
9 Enlivens, gives life to
10 Scoundrel
11 Navigational dir.
17 Sever or curtail
19 Use to the limit
22 Royal Aeroscape, abbr.
23 Strike with the foot
24 ___ into : corrodes?
25 Scare away
26 Scottish island
27 Rival
28 Wise old bird?
31 Type of tree
32 Conjecture
34 Landed property
35 Additionally
37 Charged particle
38 Hangman's rope
40 Bones of the body
41 Notion
42 Report of recent happenings
43 Unit of heredity
44 Pig-house
45 Hint
46 Capek's futuristic play



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VSAPMFFLYSAYIAPK AP LEF MFZAFV LEYL TEFI ORH CAF,

ORHS PRHZ XRFP HU RI LEF SRRV YIC XFLP PLHBN.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.

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Overflowing manhole causing problems near JSS College

The manhole on the road leading to Shakthidhama from JSS College on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road is clogged and sewage water is overflowing from it on to the road causing a lot of problems to everyone. Ironically, the UGD works were taken up a few months ago by spending lakhs of rupees. Though the sewage water from the manhole has formed a small pond on the road, it has not fallen on the eyes of the authorities. The public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the clogged manhole cleaned at the earliest.

Garbage dumped at Subramanya Nagar needs to be cleared

Garbage, mostly plastic waste, is dumped at many places in Subramanya Nagar, Hebbal. The waste is not cleared resulting in it getting strewn on the road due to wind and sometimes consumed by cattle posing health hazard to them. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage pile cleared and also ensure that it is cleared regularly.

Plea to expedite drain works at Gandhinagar

The drain works taken up near Durgambha Temple on Shivayogi Swamy 3rd Main Road in Gandhinagar has been stopped since about three months and there are no signs of completing it. As monsoon has started, rain water is getting collected in the drain which remains stagnant making it a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. Authorities concerned are urged to complete the drain works at the earliest.

SKYWATCH

Planets galore in the morning sky at greater heights

Planet Watching' is one of the most fascinating experience. If we witness the sky on a dark, clear night we can see hundreds of stars and a few terrestrial planets. They are not alike; they are of different colours and differ in brightness. Planets move slowly among the stars, following patterns that repeat over months or years. In July-August, Indians are privileged to witness 5 planets in the morning sky. We can witness Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn to fall in line forming a natural planetary conjunction.

This is a fabulous astronomical spectacle for amateur astronomers, astronomy connoisseurs and general public. The innermost planet of the solar system is **Mercury.** As the Solar System's innermost planet, its orbit keeps close to the Sun, so the planet is visible only shortly before or briefly after sunset. It is clearly perceptible as a magnitude star at approximately two-monthly intervals alternating between evening and morning twilight. During times of best visibility, Mercury stands low in the twilight for about three to four weeks. It looks like a warm-white star, and binoculars often help us to spot it.

Spotting Mercury means searching twilight skies for a dot of light. Presently, it can be seen at around 5.30 am before sunrise and is also regarded as 'Hostile Planet'. In a telescope, Mercury's apparent size and brightness vary according to its distance from Earth and place in orbit, with the planet showing phases like Moon. Very occasionally, the Earth, Mercury and the Sun accomplish planetary conjunction and the planet is then seen to transit the sun as a small dark spot crossing the solar disc. We can locate Mercury in the morning sky particularly in 'Gemini' constellation.

Venus is second major planet in order of distance from the Sun. Even novice star-gazers will have no difficulty finding brilliant Venus, often called the 'morning' or 'evening' star. Venus can be the brightest object in the sky after the Sun and Moon and allows a near-circular path some 106 million kilometres from the Sun, taking 225 days to complete one orbit. Venus will be presently visible over the eastern direction before sunrise and remains visible over the western horizon throughout the month. It can be clearly seen at 4 am in 'Taurus' constellation. In a telescope, Venus' opaque clouds usually appear featureless. Sometimes, however, observers are able to make out faint, dark patches on the white disk, probably the cloud features. During the third and last week of July, the planet can be clearly seen in the eastern sky with mesmerising brightness.

Mars is the resplendent yellow-orange planet in the solar system. The magnitude of Mars decreases from -1.5 at the beginning of the month to about half of that, -0.60 by month's end. Look for Mars to be high over the southeast direction before sunrise, and setting a few hours before sunset. During night also, we can clearly see the red planet at around 1.30 am. Mars can appear at any place in the sky on the ecliptic, rather than always staying near the Sun, like Mercury and Venus. On first viewing Mars by telescope, beginners are often startled by its smallness. Even at its closest approach, Mars appears no larger than a lunar crater. Typical first looks show an amber disk, some faint markings, and maybe a whitish polar cap.

Jupiter is the second brightest planet after Venus. A few weeks before and after the opposition in July 2020, Jupiter will be very bright, reaching a visual magnitude of about -2.5 to - 2.6. This will be an excellent opportunity to observe Jupiter, its Great Red Spot and Jupiter's four largest satellites namely Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. These celebrated satellites of Jupiter can be seen in a binocular also.

A telescope with a magnification of 40 times or above is preferred in observing Jupiter. The apparent magnitude or brightness factor of Jupiter during July and August is - 2.6. Note that, the negative sign convention indicates that, the brightness will be maximum and for the positive sign convention, the brightness will be minimum. For example, the magnitude of full moon will be about - 12 and it depicts exceedingly good resplendence.

Jupiter not only beams at its brilliant best for the year, but stays out all night long! From Mysuru, Jupiter will be perceptible between 7 pm and 6 am next day. It reaches the highest point in the sky at around midnight. Jupiter can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius'.

Analogously, on July 20, **Saturn** will have rendezvous with Earth and shall be the right time to witness this gorgeous ringed planet. Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun and the outermost planet perfectly noticeable with the unaided eye. The imperative physical distinctiveness like magnitude, composition, internal configuration, and atmosphere advocate an overall similitude to Saturn. Saturn's rings has unmitigated, disc-like, effortlessly conspicuous with even a small telescope, which envelops Saturn.

The specialty of this astronomical happening is that, the planet Saturn becomes more beautiful, also the best time to witness the planet. Throughout the night Saturn is discernible and more resplendent. From Mysuru, Saturn will be perceptible between 7.30 pm and 6 am. It reaches the highest pinnacle in the sky at around midnight. Saturn can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius'. Saturn appears cream-white in colour and is among the brightest star-like objects in our sky. Saturn in 2020 rises earlier and continues to creep higher above the south-eastern horizon earlier each night. Today, Saturn will have very close encounter with Earth and is the best time for observing Saturn. Jupiter and Saturn have planned to dominate this year captivatingly !

Enjoy watching these five dominating planets in July. Other than Mercury, other planets can be seen through naked eyes avoiding the sophistication. Telescopes for planet watching need sturdy mountings and high-quality optics. Most observers use powers of 200x or less, due to unsettled seeing. Also useful are coloured filters, which accentuate specific features on planets.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna,
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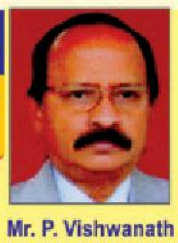
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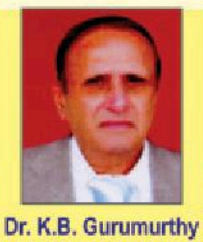
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